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As this Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action, no fee is due.

Also attached is a copy of a Japanese first Notice of Grounds for Rejection dated July 11, 2001, along with a translation, issued over the corresponding Japanese Patent Application no. 10-311512.

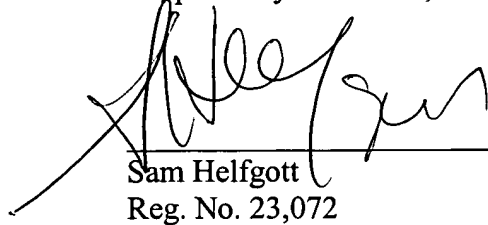
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Early and favorable consideration is respectfully solicited.

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